

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A modular ~~service—device—~~(1),  
comprising:

~~—having—~~                    ~~—a retaining device—~~means—(4)  
for a bearing device, means (5) ~~which can be coupleable~~  
thereto;

~~—having—~~                    ~~—a housing—~~(2) ~~having~~including a  
plurality of predetermined module locations ~~—(6a-6d);~~

~~—having—~~                    ~~—connection modules, arrangeable—~~(7a-  
7d) ~~which can each be arranged at the module locations~~  
~~—(6a-6d)—and—are—~~each provided with a connection ~~means~~  
device for connecting a line ~~which can be connected~~  
thereto;

~~—~~          ~~having a coding means—~~(9a-9d) ~~per module location~~  
~~—(6a-6d)—and an opposing coding means—~~(10a-10d) ~~per~~  
~~connection module—(7a-7d), for the purpose of providing~~  
module location-specific assignment;

~~—having—~~                    ~~—a latching means—~~(11) ~~at at least~~  
one of the module locations, ~~—(6a-6d)—and—an—~~opposing  
latching means ~~—(12)—on at least one of the connection~~

modules, ~~(7a-7d)~~ ~~for the purpose of~~ respectively  
providing module location-specific locking and unlocking;  
and

~~having~~ \_\_\_\_\_ ~~a contact means (16a, 16b), having a~~  
~~longitudinal side, per module location (6a-6d) and an~~  
~~opposing contact means for making (18) per connection~~  
~~module (7a-7d), it being possible for the contact means~~  
~~(16a, 16b) to make contact with the opposing contact~~  
~~means, (18) transversely with respect to its the~~  
longitudinal side.

2. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed  
in claim 1, further comprising at least one of  
~~having an electrical, electromagnetic and/or electronic device~~  
~~unit (3).~~

3. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed  
in claim 1, having wherein the retaining device includes at  
least one spring-loaded and self-ringing latching element ~~(20)~~  
~~as part of the retaining means (4).~~

4. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed  
in claim 1, wherein  
~~having a multi-pole design of at least one of the connection~~  
~~modules (7a-7d) is of a multi-pole design.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed in claim 1, in which wherein each respective the respective connection device includes at least one of means is in the form of a screw terminal, a spring-loaded terminal or and an insulation displacement contact.

6. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in which the coding means (9a-9d) is in the form~~ includes, individually per module location ~~(6a-6d), of a recess formed by housing sections, and the opposing coding means (10a-10d) is in the form of~~ includes a bracket element.

7. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed in claim 1, in which wherein the latching means (11) is in the form of includes an elastic lock having a barb, and the opposing latching means ~~(12) is in the form of~~ includes a latch accommodating the barb.

8. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed in claim 1,

~~in which wherein~~ the contact means ~~(16a, 16b)~~ ~~is in the form~~  
~~of includes~~ at least one of a contact lug ~~or~~ ~~and~~ a contact  
pin, and the opposing contact means ~~(18)~~ ~~is in the form~~  
~~of includes~~ a fork-shaped contact element.

9. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed  
in claim 1 ~~and/or~~ 8,

~~having an,~~ further comprising:

~~insulating means, (19) which is arranged at least one~~  
~~of on the end and/or on a longitudinal side of~~ the contact  
means ~~(16a, 16b)~~ and, in particular, for coverings the contact  
means ~~(16a, 16b)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The modular ~~service~~ device as claimed  
in claim 9,

~~in which wherein~~ the insulating means ~~(19)~~ ~~is in the form~~  
~~of includes~~ an insulating bracket, ~~in particular of a plug-in~~  
~~element which can be integrated in the housing (2).~~

11. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 9,  
wherein the insulating means includes a plug-in element  
integrated in the housing.

12. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 8,  
further comprising:

insulating means, arranged at least one of on an end and on a longitudinal side of the contact means, for covering the contact means.

13. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating means includes an insulating bracket.

14. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the insulating means includes a plug-in element integrated in the housing.

15. (New) A modular device, comprising:

a retaining device for a bearing device, coupleable thereto;

a housing including a plurality of predetermined module locations;

connection modules, arrangeable at the module locations and each provided with a connection device for connecting a line thereto;

at least one coding and opposing coding device;

at least one latch, at at least one of the module locations and at least one opposing latch on at least one of the connection modules, to respectively provide module location-specific locking and unlocking; and

at least one contact; and

at least one opposing contact adapted to make transversely make contact with respect to a longitudinal side of the at least one contact.

16. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising at least one of an electrical, electromagnetic and electronic device unit.

17. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the retaining device includes at least one spring-loaded and self-ringing latching element.

18. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the connection modules is of a multi-pole design.

19. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, wherein each respective connection device includes at least one of a screw terminal, a spring-loaded terminal and an insulation displacement contact.

20. (New) The modular device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the coding device includes, individually per module location, a recess formed by housing sections, and the opposing coding device includes a bracket element.